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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Acknowledgement of Reply Brief***

1. The reply brief filed November 21, 2011 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

### ***Conclusion***

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANDRE BOYCE whose telephone number is (571)272-6726. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6pm M-F. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Beth Boswell can be reached on (571) 272-6737. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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